

Clara  
Barton

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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Huntington,

Certain confidential information concerning Miss Clara Barton has been held for some time without publicity; but as you are one of the Electors of the Hall of Fame, it seems just that a little of that information should be sent you and this I am doing at the suggestion of the Senate of New York University.

A tremendous pressure of Red Cross War Relief work has made it impossible to go through carefully again a mass of papers dealing with this matter. I have therefore condensed and utilized a rough statement, prepared in 1917, dealing with a few transactions indicative of others. I have prepared a brief Introductory Note, giving the reasons for the paper and the sources of the information.

Miss Barton had an astonishing imagination that any experienced army officer would recognize in reading the quotations from her diary and other papers, appearing in her biography.

The time may come when the facts will be given more completely, for history should be based on truth and not on fiction.

I hope that you will keep this information confidential. We have the documents confirming these statements.

Sincerely yours,

Mabel T. Boardman.